IN THE NAME OF ALLAAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

BENEFICIAL ACADEMIC POINTS - PROVING 3 DAYS JAMAAT (TABLIGH) IN THE PATH OF ALLAAH

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Whilst in Karachi, I met a young man who posed the following question, 'people go out for jamaat (tabligh) for three days in the path of Allaah, but this is not proven from the Noble Qur'aan, Saheeh Bukhari, Saheeh Muslim or from any of the pious predecessors, hence it is bid'at (innovation)'. I replied that don't hasten towards self-concluded rulings; you ask and we respond; why the need for you to hasten to such conclusions???

I in turn remarked that it is in the Noble Qur'aan, Saheeh Bukhari and Saheeh Muslim. "It is in all these books?" he asked rather surprised. I replied yes, indeed. "Then where is it written?" he asked. I explained that on the night of Me'raj (ascension of Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)) when Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) met Musa (alayhis salaam) and informed him that Allaah Ta'ala had prescribed for his Ummah fifty Salaah, Musa (alayhi salaam) requested Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) to get these reduced until eventually the number of Salaah reached five. Fortunately, Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) was informed that his Ummah will perform five Salaah and get the reward for fifty Salaah. This Hadith is in Saheeh Bukhari.

In Saheeh Muslim, the following Hadith is narrated,

قال رسول الله «مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ ثُمَّ أَتْبَعَهُ سِتًّا مِنْ شَوَّالٍ، كَانَ كَصِيَامِ الدَّهْرِ»

Translation - One who fasts for the (entire) month of Ramadhaan and follows it up with the six fasts of Shawwaal, it is as if he has fasted for the entire year.

Why do they receive that much reward? We now go to the Noble Qur'aan. The Noble Qur'aan says,

مَن جَآءَ بِٱلۡحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُۥ عَشۡرُ أَمۡثَالِهَاۖ وَمَن جَآءَ بِٱلسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجۡزَىٰٓ إِلَّا مِثۡلَهَا وَهُمۡ لَا يُظۡلَمُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾

(Translation - Whoever brings a good act (carries out an accepted act) will receive ten times as much (in reward and even more). (Surah An'am, Verse 160)

I said now listen to our manner of deducing proof: The Qur'aan says, *'Call (people) to the path of your Rabb'; Propagate….; There should be a group from you who invite towards good…;* but Qur'aan has not stipulated *how much* one should propagate or invite towards Deen. Therefore, our senior scholars sat and decided an appropriate course of action guided by the Noble Qur'aan and Sunnah; 'people need to get married, operate their shops, do office work and with all these occupations practice on Deen, hence such a *tarteeb* (system) is necessary whereby one receives the complete reward for inviting to Deen whilst engrossed in all his occupations'. So looking at the Noble Qur'aan, Saheeh Bukhari and Saheeh Muslim they concluded that if a person does one act of virtue he will be rewarded ten-fold (as is clear from the verse above). **So if a person will go out for three days he will receive the reward of thirty days of worship**. Hence, in this manner even whilst in business he will receive the reward of being in the path of Allaah.

He complained that when I asked the tablighi brothers for proofs they did not provide me with any proof. I replied that this is because their duty is not to present proofs, but to expound on virtues. Take Masaa'il (juristic edicts) from us and Fadhaa'il (virtues) from them, in that way you will not have a problem.

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